2/2/70

Dear Paul,

Your large and welcome mailing of the 30th, I preume (stamps not cannelled) arrived and I've skimmed it. I'll answer what I can in a few minutes I now have

I always intended doing what Hoads asked (your 1/28) and went over the files and made a list and put them in order so it can be done. Then Bad was going to do it (as the lawyer, he should, so he'd know what is there(, but he never got around to it. Roffman was here from Friday until this a.m. After he read what he wanted to see, he started doing just this and got through 1967. Interestingly, as I seemed to remember, some of the things I have gotten only recently I was seeking and asking for in 1966. However, the list I am going to make and have started is more than what was just denied me. It is everything I asked for in writing and if and when I got ir or was denied it or it was ignored or I was promised and nothing happened. Among the uses to which this might be put is as an exhibit in court.

Other items this letter noted. Thanks. 1/27:I'll dig out PM96 and make the best copy this dated paper will make and will send. Perhaos you can just paste the missing copy at the top of what you have?

Russell: no response to my letter (Warren: return receipt returned).

On the priceof the xerox book: if he com lains, then I'd agree. But you can devote that xeroxing cost better to other things, and you are not considering th yhe cost of doing the book-even just the typing, which is considerable and had yielded and now can yield nothing, which is why limited editions are always costly.

The only list of my CD's I have is an incomplete card file, pretty complete since I started it (except for I hope infrequent mechanical error) and does not include what I had properly filed before I started it, which is quite a bit. If I get into a file, I check tosee if the docs are carded and, if not, add them. So, little by little, it is filling out.

On Kliendienst: if you will reread the letters he wrote us of which I sent you copies and recall ch 18 of Coup add, you will see why I disagree with your paragrahp saying you "see no need to ask him to repeat that claim". The questions I suggested you ask are not, really, repetitious. But this is your thing and you do it your way. I think if you ask them he may avoid them, may not respond at all, may think maybe you know something and look into it himself instead of having one who has been with this all along draft his reply for him. It was not until after Rowley told me he had complied with the Clark order that he proved he had not and has begun to.

Slides: enclosed letter to Mary. No, slides are inexpensive, but 300 times even a small sum can mount up. I will have a set and I will have the negative from which more sets can be printed. With this, no restricions, if you know anyone who want a set, but at the moment I have my own reasons for preferring complete divorcement from several you know of. When Gary and Dick say what they can get done you'll have a better idea of cost.

Your comment on the NO items is grossly understated. It is much worse than mere "nonsense". And it certainly should bother you, at the least. That is less than what it does to me. However, I also believe, as I have, the best thing is to leave it

entirely alone. If the expression of contrary opinion could accomplish anything, that might be different. From everything I can learn, there is nothing at all being done or to be done about anything but the Sha w perjury case. Afterward, perhaps they will continue with the others. I happen to agree with those of which I know, differing only in my belief the law work was inadequate. This was a special affair. He had to repeat the past. There was little else he could do. I suspect Mort was worse, but not having the entire thing do not know. Your choices of description are quite apt, but what happens to him who plays with dreck? There is nothing to gain by writing the reporter and there is to lose. Leave it, please, as I have had to so very often. You are dealing with very complicated things, including paranoia, and that is tough enough for pros.

Best case of agency can, as you hint, be made out against those loudest in denouncing others for it. However, I am without doubt that he is not, and I never did believe Boxley was (what difference does it make, anyway? What was done is what counts). He and Vince dreamed up the agency charge against Boxley. I tried without success to get it changed before release, when I learned of it. Everyone on the staff was on my side, but all also felt that the terrible blow to his ego, his acknowledgement that he had made so monumental a mistake, was already too much and none had the heart to seek to deny him this little consolation. I tried to keep you posted while it was happening, but I have never lived through anything as unreal. He and Vince, well, I just cannot make it meaningul to anyone, just do not think those not witness would begin to believe the truth. His motive is one thing of which I am without doubt. I haven't seen Penn's book, but I also know what has happened to him, and I think he also is best left alone. I have spared you some of this. It,too, just cannot be believed. Fact, to Penn, has become what he wants it to be, no more.His is instent fact. It has gotten to his financial honesty, too.

Pur letters on the Cubans for Nixon-Agnew crossed. I do not think Quiroga was ever really worried about Fidel finding out.

When I had time I made several efforts to get in touch with Goulden, who left the newspaper. I want to learn what he learned of LHO as an agent. But the books seems like what you say. When it is in paper I'll get. It is also as important as you seem to indicate, from what I've heard. He was with Phila Bulletin 11/22/63. We have at least one meaningless FBI report and in three years I've never been able to get Vince to give me a copy of the story that he must have clipped.

Thanks for the extensive notes on the add to the add. I'll go over carefully with the orig. copy.

1/30, recently-received CDs:

The name Leahart seems famiiar but I do not place it and have no file. Long ago Hal sent me something on the Blue Shirts of La. Perhaps if he were to go back to his original source. which was or which provided "The Independent", this could be carried further.

I have checked rest of CD 149. It is the kind of stuff you'd expect to be reported. If there is another live thing in it, I didn't see it. This looks like another intended interment, burrying the one line thing.

CD165:15-6, what interests me most is penultimate 16, LHO getting check from N.O. Wow, what that fouldn t mean, if true. And there is no accounting of such income in the official accounting, is there? Even a small check? And we know that LHO didn't go to banks with his checks as much as to stores. Very interesting. Wish I had what seems to have been left out or not sought. I havefiled this under Bowen, but if you can, I'd like a copy of this page for my O-NO file, 16 only, pls.

CD194:9-10- this would make more sense to me not as the real LHO but as a possible False Oswald (where I have filed these pages. If and when you get more from Renner, there is someone I can ask about this guy. Because what the speech above is taken to mean is not so, I cannot ask the office. They'd just not reply. But there is someone outsideit I may be able to get something from. If they have a file on him/ I am not certain of this NOPSI station referred to, but I think it is below (or in NO, uptown from) the LHO address and places he was reported. I do not believe from what he know about him he'd have been there.

CD194:12 I've filed this under lit dist, and I'd appreciate two copies which I will send to Ed Planer, one for Rotman, who wa still there when last I heard. It is a courtesy they have earned by making the film available and, as you know, I have been keeping him posted. There should be a similar one on WWL-TV for LHO called them also. The date in the first par is wrong and I suspect on purpose. It was undoubtedly the time of the Bringuier "debate". From the second par, I'd say it was before 9/16. Is his name in the address book? If so, LHO had good advice on who to put in. If you speak to Rush, you might ask if Rotman acted as assignment editor.

CD1203- my card lists only 1203a:5-12, as related to Bringyier. I may have more, and got it earlier. I have filed this under Pena and I'd appreciate a copy to send him. He has been sending me clippings lately, no more. This is particularly interesting because we laready have reason to believe the FBI was out to poison WC against him. The recommendation that he be put under oath is rather unusual, is it not? Now at this time the FBI was giving him a rough time, hurting his business at the Habana, as you may recall from O in NO, where I added it after my first trip to NO. I think it would be good to see exatcly what was asked in Rankin's 4/23. I'd be surprised is the "conflicting information furnished by Mr. Orestes Pena" was internal conflict. More likely it conflicted with other stuff or was fashioned to seem this way by the FBI. I cannot identify the Morrissey memo so I do not know if I have it. The "continuing investigation" also smacks of effort to persuade WC not to heed him, for had they, the Bringuier nonsense would have collapsed and they'd have had a real mess, from their point of view. I'd be very interested in anything further on this, with a copy for him, please, inc. this. What I have carded on his is CD984:4; 126:41;1349:1-14; and I have no cards on what is in O in NO unpub appendix. I think this area is worth keeping after. There are too many strange things, esp. the absence of the agents who knew him best.

CD1286 is lovely. After all, why "investigate " either the JBS or the inutemen when they are both extensively in the assassination inquiry? I'll try and add to COUP appendix.

CD1520:1 lists two enclosures. The other might be worth seeing if it is really the real death certificate, which was carefully withheld

On Pena again: he didn8t refuse to help. He objecte to the hassling, the pressure, the ostentation, which was bot unnecessary and hurtful to his business. Rather than refuse, he actually went to the FBI office over this. His chief trouble was, as he saw it, with deb, and I am inclined to suspect he is behind all this.

CD59:11, neither Canel nor Mortgomery familiar to me. However, how this suggests the Sergio Carbo speech!

CD60:71. With this obvious and accurate identification of the names and numbers in LHO's notebook/Martello slip so readily available, is it not to wonder why the NO FBI contrived to get no answers? The names were well known to the average, not-too-bright newspaper reader. Any belief why #72 is withheld?

CD64:2 is at best hut

CD75:331-3. I had this. True, he went there all by himself, unbidden, to be a fink, then said he was dping it to try and help LHO, then the govt, from stories.

CD75:462: I have long been interested in this bag, even before Popkin spotted that interest. This report is but one of the indications I have that there never was any such bag until the police felt they needed it. I will be going into this in Agt Os., but if you have any special interests, I have a file on the Bag and can locate probably most if not all that way.

CD75:491 - Is this the O'Sullivan 11/63 report the FBI withheld? Can you offer any legit reason? I cannot guess who Robert is, but if that was Ruby in the quarter, so what? If he was not there for personal reasons, he could legitimately be there for business reasons (like Jada). If this is the classified one, then the lid is on O'S, not the reports.

CD75:693-4. This is new to me. Thought I had everything on Alice. He is in the WDSU film, chunky, dark shirt.Note: "either four or five men walking toward front entrance" ITM. This is more than other accounts, but consistent with the one I got from the Fiat mechanic at Foreign Imports, JB. Vela's company. I think his name is Gomez. I gave you memo on this. Except for the goatee, the extra man is consistent with Core's description, including short (Steele was wearing cutdowns, I know, and I've seen no other shorts in film.) This cannot be right in saying Core was with Alice at beginning, because Core was called back from lunch. You have memo on this also. Core immediately called deBrueys, as I recall. Note that the second reference does not reduce the number of men. Question: is the error normal or of design? And is Alice certain of the number with LHO? I believe Core thinks he recalls at least one Latin.

Hope I haven't forgotten anything. Expect to go to DC a.m., perhaps with time to go to Archives, unless predicted bad weather precludes. Call in for Bud not returned and other things must do, but if I can I'll check further last par your 1/30.